Raccoon in Indiana Township Tests Positive for Rabies
Residents Reminded to Avoid Wild and Stray Animals

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) has confirmed that a raccoon brought to one of its facilities last week has tested positive for rabies. The raccoon was spotted near the 200 block of Little Deer Creek Road in Indiana Township.

County residents are reminded to always avoid wild and stray animals to avoid exposure to rabies. Residents should also keep a close eye on their pets and make sure their pets are up-to-date with vaccinations.

Rabies is a virus transmitted by an animal bite or scratch, and exposures due to a bite or scratch are almost always fatal when left untreated. Any individual who is bitten, scratched or otherwise exposed to saliva from a stray or any other animal, should immediately cleanse the contact area with soap and water, seek emergency medical treatment and call the Allegheny County Health Department (412-687-2243) to report the incident.

If any animal appears to be acting strange or threatening, residents should notify their local animal control service, the police or the Pennsylvania Game Commission immediately.

This is the seventh rabid animal reported in Allegheny County in 2019: five (5) raccoons, one (1) bat and one (1) cat.

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